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Fellowship Program



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Gastroenterology Fellowship Program



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The Gastroenterology and Liver Diseases Fellowship Program at Cooper University Hospital offers three positions each year and is fully accredited by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

The gastroenterology and liver diseases training program offers a highly diverse academic and clinical education in gastroenterology and hepatology. Over a three-year period, fellows receive comprehensive training in endoluminal, pancreatic and hepatobiliary diseases. In addition, numerous didactic sessions and research opportunities are layered into the training program to build specialists not only with strong clinical acumen but with a discerning eye for clinical research. At Cooper University Hospital, we pride ourselves on a collegial, academic environment to foster optimal training in gastroenterology and liver diseases.

The Division of Gastroenterology is a component of the Department of Medicine. The Department of Medicine at Cooper University Hospital (CUH) comprises 11 divisions and employs 193 full-time faculty members committed to delivering the finest care to patients as well as to providing the best education for our next generation of physicians. Cooper University Hospital, the major clinical site of Cooper Medical School of Rowan University (CMSRU), is a 594-bed, not-for-profit, university-based medical center. All faculty and fellows are intimately involved in the education of CMSRU medical students. CUH has recently partnered with University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center to open the new MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper, which offers the fellows a new breadth of experience with treating gastrointestinal and pancreaticobiliary cancers.

There has been tremendous growth in the variety of clinical exposure that fellows gain during their three years of training within the Digestive Health Institute at Cooper University Hospital. We look forward to more exciting changes as well. We regard our fellows as colleagues from day one, and aim to foster a program that is stimulating and collegial. Cooper's gastroenterology fellowship routinely recruits top candidates from around the country, and we look forward to exploring your interest in our program.

Educational Experience



Fellows are immersed in this rich environment, and have ample opportunity to interact and educate their peers through formal and informal teaching sessions.

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Cooper University Hospital has 34 residency and fellowship programs. The fellows are immersed in this rich environment, and have ample opportunity to interact and educate their peers through formal and informal teaching sessions. Additionally, internal medicine residents rotate on the consultation service, which provides opportunities for mentoring and educational sessions. Fellows will also participate in the education of Cooper Medical School of Rowan University students who rotate on the GI service.

Our institution houses a state-of-the-art endoscopic simulator, which helps prepare our trainees for their endoscopic experience. The endoscopy simulator improves hand-eye coordination and allows for practice in endoscopic tissue sampling and hemostasis. Headed by Dr. Cristina Capanescu, fellows are supervised as they complete an endoscopic simulation curriculum that serves to develop proficiency in real-life endoscopic procedures. Additional endoscopic simulation is available to prepare fellows for ERCP.

The world of medical education is ever changing. As part of this change, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) has enacted the New Accreditation System to improve the mean for which medical trainees are evaluated. To stay ahead of the curve, our institution has adopted the new accreditation system that utilizes a spectrum of evaluation tools, centered on Gastroenterology and Liver Diseases. We utilize the mini-CEX format in addition to immediate feedback to evaluate endoscopic skills. Additionally, at the completion of each week, our fellows receive formative feedback and a learning objective by their subsequent attending. Finally, at the end of each six-month period, trainees meet with our program director for a semi-annual review to discuss their progress and learning objectives as well as any improvements that may improve the program.

Over the course of training, fellows gain experience through the rotations on the consult service, transplant hepatology service and in the endoscopic procedure units.

Rotations usually change weekly, but certain rotations (such as Cooper GI service, endoscopy and research) may be grouped together in two or three week blocks. Rotations at Einstein medical center are 4 week blocks. Call is alternating between the call fellow and the service fellow. Call Fellow will be responsible for Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday call. Service fellow covers Tuesday and Thursday call. Call at Our Lady of Lourdes, Willingboro, is the exception, with call being for one week but from Friday evening to the following Friday evening. The GI attending holds the pager for this call rotation. There is no call on procedures, elective/research, Einstein, OLOL-Camden.

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Educational Experience

PGY-4

Rotation	Weeks
GI Consult - CUH	14
GI Consult/Call - CUH	14
Einstein Transplant Hepatology	4
OLOL - Transplant Hepatology	7
Procedures	7
Elective/Research	1
Vacation	5

PGY-5

Rotation	Weeks
GI Consult - CUH	4
GI Consult/Call - CUH	3
Einstein Transplant Hepatology	8
OLOL-Transplant Hepatology	9
GI Consult/ Procedures – OLOL, Willingboro	7
Procedures	13
Elective/Research	3
Vacation	5

PGY-6

Rotation	Weeks
GI Consult/ Procedures – OLOL Willingboro	10
Einstein Transplant Hepatology	4
Procedures	27
Elective/Research	5
Vacation	5

Career Development

At Cooper University Hospital's Gastroenterology fellowship program, we make our graduates' career plans the highest priority. Whether your goals are academic medicine, private practice, or an additional year of subspecialty training, we will see to it that your goals are met.

First Choice of Practice: 100%

Advanced Fellow Match Rate: 100%

Board Pass Rate: 100% over the past 5 years

Mentorship

Upon entering the Cooper University Hospital Gastroenterology and Liver Diseases Fellowship Program, fellows are assigned a staff mentor. Fellows meet with their mentors at least once during each six month period to discuss their training, research, and general well-being. Advisors are also available and willing to meet at times other than the semi-annual required meetings.



Clinical Training Sites



Gastroenterology fellows train at multiple locations that offer a broad range of clinical experiences.



Cooper University Hospital is a tertiary-care setting and receives referrals from Trenton, the Atlantic coast and Philadelphia areas. Our institution houses world-renowned intensive care and trauma surgery services. Recently, MD Anderson Cancer Center partnered with Cooper University Hospital. This has not only elevated oncology, but our entire hospital to world class status. During training at Cooper, fellows primarily serve on the consult service. The consultative service comprises a team of two fellows and offers a diversity of acute and chronic gastrointestinal diseases. There is no inpatient primary gastroenterology service at this location. Fellows have the opportunity to perform procedures on inpatients that they are consulted on in addition to their dedicated rotations in the endoscopy unit. During their third year, fellows receive training in advanced endoscopic procedures including endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP), endoscopic ultrasound and radiofrequency ablation (RFA).

Our Lady of Lourdes - Camden is a 350 bed medical center located in southern New Jersey about one mile from Cooper University Hospital. While on rotation at Our Lady of Lourdes, fellows receive exposure to a consultative service in a community setting. This enhances the diversity of training and exposes the fellows to community and private practice. Fellows rotate on the primary hepatology service at Our Lady of Lourdes - Camden which exposes trainees to individuals with chronic liver diseases as well as those who are in the pre and post-transplant setting. One fellow rotates on this service with one of three dedicated transplant hepatologists, Dr. Ashraf Malek, Dr. Hisham El Genaidi, and Dr. Manish Thapar.

Our Lady of Lourdes - Willingboro is a 173-bed hospital that offers the fellows additional exposure to training in the community setting. Fellows participate in gastroenterology consultation and endoscopic procedures. Here, fellows hone their skills in outpatient colorectal cancer screening and video capsule endoscopy interpretation.

Digestive Health Institute is a comprehensive digestive disease diagnosis and treatment in suburban Mount Laurel, NJ that offers the latest endoscopy and other non-surgical technologies to patients with expert care in a welcoming environment designed for maximum comfort. Every detail of the institute has been engineered to ensure patient satisfaction, from the individualized patient plan of care, to the seamless flow between exam area and procedure rooms, to the convenient parking. Fellows rotate to the Digestive Health Institute regularly for ambulatory clinics and outpatient procedures.

Einstein Medical Center - Philadelphia is a tertiary care setting in North Philadelphia with over 700 beds. Cooper fellows work closely with Einstein gastroenterology and hepatology fellows on the liver service both inpatient and outpatient. Fellows rotate on a primary hepatology service staffed with an attending hepatologist, as a hepatology consultant in the hospital, and outpatient hepatology clinic. Fellows become intimately involved with pre and post-liver transplant care as well as a broad spectrum of other hepatology disorders. Fellows attend weekly pathology conference, tumor board, and transplant meetings.

Rotations



Gastroenterology Consultation Service –

Cooper University Hospital

The Cooper University Hospital inpatient GI consultation service focuses on evaluation and treatment of gastrointestinal, liver, pancreatic and biliary diseases. Two fellows cover this service each week. The rotation is split between call weeks and service weeks. During service weeks, fellows round from Monday to Friday. The typical day starts at 7 a.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. Fellows on service but NOT on call are responsible for pages during the day and will have the entire weekend off.

While on call at Cooper, fellows field outpatient emergencies and inpatient consults or calls via pager system notification beginning at 4:30 p.m. The call week is split between call fellow and service fellow. Call Fellow will be responsible for Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday call. Service fellow covers Tuesday and Thursday call. Call is taken from home and the on-call fellow rounds with the attending during the weekend.

Cooper University Hospital uses the EPIC electronic medical record system (EMR) for both inpatient and outpatient care. All labs, imaging, and notes are integrated through this EMR. All fellows will be trained on EPIC during their orientation.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Willingboro

The consultative service at both Our Lady of Lourdes Willingboro enhance the community hospital experience. The typical day at Our Lady of Lourdes begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. Fellows are able to maintain continuity as they perform all procedures for patients on whom they were consulted.

Fellows on OLOL-Willingboro service also take call, but less frequently as call weeks are split with other private Gastroenterology services that work at the hospital. Call begins on Friday morning and ends the following Friday morning.

Additionally, while at Our Lady of Lourdes Willingboro, fellows perform endoscopic procedures on the Cooper faculty outpatients. Fellows receive training in video capsule endoscopy while on this rotation. Call at Our Lady of Lourdes Willingboro is Friday morning to Friday morning and is infrequent.

Transplant Hepatology

Fellows have experience with liver transplantation at both OLOL-Camden and Einstein Medical Center. At OLOL-Camden, we assist on a primary liver service, covered daily by an attending hepatologist, and populated by patients awaiting transplantation and others with hepatic diseases. Fellows also participate in Liver Tumor Board, conducted on Monday afternoon, and the Transplant Listing meeting on Friday afternoon. At Einstein Medical Center, fellows gain experience in inpatient and outpatient hepatology. While working closely with attending hepatologists, the fellows gain experience of broad hepatology disorders as well as following transplant patients longitudinally. They also attend pre- and post-transplant clinic as well as general hepatology clinic.

Rotations



Endoscopic Procedure Unit

Fellows are exposed to a wide variety of endoscopic techniques and therapeutic interventions during their endoscopy unit rotations. First- and second-year fellows focus on developing expertise in performing esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD), colonoscopy and enteroscopy. Fellows quickly learn tissue sampling, basic and advanced polypectomy, and percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy (PEG) tube placement. They also develop skill in endoscopic management of esophageal varices and peptic ulcer bleeding.

Third-year fellows at Cooper University Hospital are trained in advanced endoscopic procedures. A unique feature to our program is that each fellow has an opportunity to graduate with a certification to perform ERCP in practice. Third-year fellows are also exposed to cyst gastrostomy placement, endoluminal and esophageal stents, radiofrequency ablation (RFA) for Barrett’s metaplasia, endoscopic mucosal resection (EMR), endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) and rectal ultrasound (RUS).

Procedures Offered

Upper Endoscopy

- Esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD)
- Bravo Capsule Placement
- Radiofrequency Ablation (RFA)
- Endoscopic Mucosal Resection (EMR)
- Esophageal and Endoluminal Stent Implantation
- Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy (PEG) Tube

Lower Endoscopy

- Colonoscopy
- Chromoendoscopy
- Narrow Band Imaging (NBI)
- Flexible Sigmoidoscopy
- Anoscopy

Esophageal Motility

- Esophageal Manometry
- pH Impedance Monitoring

Video Capsule Endoscopy

Advanced Therapeutic Procedures

- Endoscopic Retrograde cholangio-pancreatography (ERCP)
- Biliary and Pancreatic Manometry
- Cholangioscopy (Spyglass procedure)
- Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS)
- Rectal Ultrasound (RUS)
- Cystgastrostomy Placement

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Training Year Cases	Average Cases Upper Endoscopy	Average Cases Lower Endoscopy	Average ERCP
PGY-4	200	100	
PGY-5	200	300	
PGY-6	600	600	200
Total	1000	1000	200

Rotations



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Inflammatory Bowel Diseases

During procedure, research and video capsule rotations, all fellows rotate in Cooper's Inflammatory Bowel Diseases Center. Fellows spend Thursday afternoon with Dr. Thomas Judge, Director of the IBD Center, and Dr. Yize Wang managing patients with ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease in the outpatient setting. Fellows have the opportunity to initiate complex therapies and visit the infusion center for various treatment modalities.

Video Capsule Endoscopy

Fellows are trained in VCE to visualize and diagnose the most difficult small bowel pathology. Cooper offers state-of-the-art, high-resolution video capsule imaging. Fellows read video capsules with faculty who have expertise in this technology.

Research Rotation

Clinical research stimulates the academic mind, and we believe at Cooper that part of becoming a specialist in gastroenterology is participating in scholarly activities. Each fellow is encouraged to participate in at least one translational and/or clinical research project during the three-year training period. Funding is provided for the fellow to present at local, regional and national meetings.

Ambulatory Experience

General Fellows Clinic

There is a diversity of ambulatory gastroenterology and hepatology experiences at the Cooper Digestive Health Institute. Fellows have a weekly continuity clinic during the three year training program. The fellow can expect to see six to 12 patients in each half-day clinic session. Notes, labs, and orders are placed through the EPIC EMR, which is fully integrated with our institution's primary health record system.

Monday clinic is located at Three Cooper Plaza, Camden, NJ and is supervised by Dr. Thomas Judge. This clinic site allows exposure to a diversity of patients, who reside primarily in Camden, NJ, and focuses on an underserved population. On Tuesday, clinic occurs at 501 Fellowship Road, Mount Laurel, NJ, and is supervised by Dr. Cynthia Greich-McCleery. This clinic offers exposure to a suburban New Jersey population. Clinic on Wednesday is supervised by Dr. Joshua DeSipio and located at the Cooper campus in Camden.

IBD Clinic

While on the research rotation, fellows attend Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) clinic on Thursday afternoon. Fellows are trained in outpatient management of IBD. This ambulatory experience is held at the Mount Laurel clinic, supervised by Drs. Judge and Wang, who have clinical expertise in managing patients with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.

Rotations

Hepatology, Transplant Evaluation and Post-Transplant Clinics

The outpatient hepatology experience is enhanced while rotating on the primary liver transplantation service. Fellows attend different clinics throughout the week that focus on patients awaiting liver transplant, managing patients who have undergone transplantation, as well as managing all disorders in the field of hepatology.

Sample Weekly Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 1	GI Call CLINIC Camden	GI Service	GI Call Journal Club	GI Service	GI Call	GI Call	GI Call
Week 2	GI Service	GI Call	GI Service CLINIC Camden	GI Call	GI Service	Off	Off
Week 3	Transplant/ Hepatology CLINIC Camden	Transplant/ Hepatology	Transplant/ Hepatology	Transplant/ Hepatology	Transplant/ Hepatology	Off	Off
Week 4	Procedures	Procedures CLINIC Mt. Laurel	Procedures	Procedures Clinic IBD	Procedures	Off	Off

Conferences



The Cooper University Hospital Gastroenterology Fellowship program offers a variety of didactic experiences dedicated to comprehensive training for clinical practice as well as preparing for the gastroenterology board exam.

Please see the Sample Conference Schedule on page 11.

Case Conference

Tuesday conference begins with an interesting case in gastroenterology or liver disease followed by fellow-led didactics regarding the case. The conference is an interactive exercise among the fellows and the faculty. The objective of the conference is for the trainees to leave with an enhanced understanding of the topic that was reviewed.

Tuesday morning conference also involves review of recent systems-based articles in the medical literature. This presentation allows for updates in medical economics, malpractice and other innovative ideas in medicine.

Didactic Lecture Series

Each Wednesday, a member of the faculty gives a formal didactic lecture pertinent to clinical GI. Topics related to gastroenterology and liver diseases are presented, and then knowledge is assessed using board-pertinent questions and discussion. Additional lectures are given by surgical oncology, colorectal surgery, dermatology and other specialties that offer diverse perspectives on GI diseases. To better prepare trainees for future practice, experts in respective fields lecture on medical ethics, medical malpractice, contract negotiations and other relevant topics.

Esophageal Motility Conference

Every week, Dr. Joshua DeSipio reviews cases employing esophageal manometry and impedance monitoring. Each year begins with an introduction lecture outlining basic manometric and pH testing. Subsequently through the year, fellows are given interactive cases and assist Dr. DeSipio in making the appropriate diagnosis. Cooper's esophageal disease program is rapidly growing and the fellows benefit from the wealth of Dr. DeSipio's experience.

Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Case Conference

Once a month, fellows present a difficult case pertinent to inflammatory bowel diseases. With the help of our IBD experts, the diagnosis is made and pertinent learning points in the case are outlined and discussed.

Pathology Conference

As part of our multi-disciplinary training, pathologist Dr. Miles McFarland leads a monthly GI and liver pathology conference. Each year starts with esophageal endoluminal diseases and progresses through the GI tract. Fellows evaluate pathologic specimens from cases at Cooper University Hospital.

Research Conference

Faculty and fellows discuss current research topics in this monthly meeting. Fellows receive guidance in writing grant proposals and IRB proposals. Additionally, ongoing project updates are given and group discussion aides in optimizing scientific papers prior to publication.

Conferences



Journal Club

The field of gastroenterology and liver diseases is a rapidly evolving and technologically anchored profession. Each month, fellows select articles of their choosing from peer-reviewed literature and dissect the scientific methodology and statistics. Conferences are attended by fellows and core faculty, who offer interactive discussion on the proposed topic.

Performance Improvement (PI) Project Conference

Within the ever-changing health care climate, the gastroenterology fellowship program realizes the important role that our physicians play in healthcare systems. Fellows take part in a quality improvement project to improve upon the quality of care delivered at our institution.

Gastrointestinal Tumor Board

Tumor Board provides exposure to the diagnosis and multi-disciplinary management of complex neoplastic diseases of the GI tract. Conferences are attended by members of the hematology/oncology, radiation oncology, surgical oncology, radiology and pathology departments. There are additional teleconferences with MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas.

Liver Disease Tumor Board

Fellows attend a multi-disciplinary conference involving the care of individuals with hepatic neoplasms on the hepatology rotation. This conference is attended by members of the transplant team, both surgical and medical, interventional radiology, radiology and pathology.

Liver Transplant Meeting

Fellows are invited to participate in liver transplant meetings. Cases are discussed and fellows are expected to present patients seen during their experience for transplant evaluation. Active discussion between transplant surgery, psychiatry, infectious diseases and social work allows for directed patient care.

Research

While training at Cooper University Hospital, fellows are given an opportunity to participate in clinical and basic translation research. With the help of faculty mentors, fellows develop IRB proposals, and write grants and manuscripts for publication. There are vast resources available to facilitate scholarly pursuits.



Cooper Research Institute

Through basic and clinical research, faculty at Cooper University Hospital are bringing scientific discoveries to life with access to cutting-edge treatments in fields such as oncology, cardiology, critical care, diabetes and gene therapy. Cooper faculty members currently conduct about 400 National Institutes of Health (NIH) and industry-sponsored clinical trials each year. In South Jersey, many of these are only available at Cooper. The campus now holds about 46 NIH and federal grants and nearly \$30,000,000 in aggregate research funding, making it number one among the regional medical campuses in the country. Past research by Cooper faculty has led to new standards of care and novel therapies in fields such as oncology, cardiology, surgery and orthopaedics.

Coriell Institute of Medical Research

The Coriell Institute for Medical Research is an independent, not-for-profit research organization dedicated to understanding human genetic diseases and providing the highest quality genetic resources. Its affiliation with Cooper University Hospital provides an excellent opportunity to our residents to participate in a variety of basic science research.

Sample Conference Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	12:00 noon Liver Tumor Board (LOLO) Transplant Listing Meeting (Einstein)	7:00 am Case Conference 8:00 am MD Anderson GI Tumor Board	7:00 am Didactic Lecture Series 12:00 noon HCC Tumor Board (Einstein)	8:00 am Pathology Conference (Einstein)	8:00 am Liver Transplant Meeting 12:00 noon Transplant Listing Meeting (Einstein)
Week 2	12:00 noon Liver Tumor Board (LOLO) Transplant Listing Meeting (Einstein)	7:00 am Pathology Conference 8:00 am IBD Case Conference	7:00 am Didactic Lecture Series 12:00 noon HCC Tumor Board (Einstein) 5:00 pm Research Conference 6:00 pm Journal Club	7:00 am Board Review 8:00 am Pathology Conference (Einstein)	8:00 am Liver Transplant Meeting (LOLO) 12:00 noon Transplant Listing Meeting (Einstein)
Week 3	12:00 noon Liver Transplant Board (LOLO) Transplant Listing Meeting (Einstein)	7:00 am Case Conference 8:00 am PI Conference	7:00 am Didactic Lecture Series	8:00 am Pathology Conference (Einstein)	8:00 am Liver Transplant Meeting (LOLO)
Week 4	12:00 noon Liver Transplant Board (LOLO) Transplant Listing Meeting (Einstein)	7:00 am Case Conference	7:00 am Didactic Lecture Series 12:00 noon HCC Tumor Board (Einstein)	7:00 am Board Review	8:00 am Liver Transplant Meeting (LOLO) 12:00 noon Transplant Listing Meeting (Einstein)

Faculty

Advanced Endoscopy

Adam B. Elfant, MD, FACG

Director of Advanced Endoscopy
Associate Division Head

Medical School:

UMDNJ-

Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Internal Medicine Residency:

Cooper University Hospital

Gastroenterology and Hepatology Fellowship:

Cooper University Hospital

Advanced Endoscopy:

The Wellesley Hospital

Henry C. Ho, MD

Medical School:

UMDNJ-

Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Internal Medicine Residency:

University of Virginia

Gastroenterology and Hepatology Fellowship:

Yale, New Haven Hospital

Advanced Endoscopy:

Yale, New Haven Hospital

Esophageal Motility

Joshua P. DeSipio, MD

Medical School:

Jefferson Medical College

Internal Medicine Residency:

Temple University Hospital

Gastroenterology and Hepatology Fellowship:

Temple University Hospital

Gastroenterology

Cristina Capanescu, MD

Medical School:

Jefferson Medical College

Internal Medicine Residency:

Cooper University Hospital

Gastroenterology and Hepatology Fellowship:

Cooper University Hospital

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Medical School:

Hahnemann University Hospital

Internal Medicine Residency:

Vanderbilt University

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Duke University

Samuel N. Giordano, MD

Medical School:

UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School

Internal Medicine Residency:

Thomas Jefferson Hospital

Gastroenterology and Hepatology Fellowship:

Cooper University Hospital

Jack Goldstein, MD, FACP, FACG

Medical School:

Hahnemann University School of Medicine

Internal Medicine Residency:

Allentown Hospital

Gastroenterology and Hepatology Fellowship:

Hahnemann University School of Medicine

Tara Lautenslager, MD

Medical School:

UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson

Medical School

Internal Medicine Residency:

New York Presbyterian Hospital

Gastroenterology and Hepatology Fellowship:

Cooper University Hospital

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Division Head

Medical School:

Jefferson Medical College

Internal Medicine Residency:

University of California,

San Francisco School of Medicine
Gastroenterology and Hepatology Fellowship:
Massachusetts General Hospital

Inflammatory Bowel Diseases

Thomas A. Judge, MD

Director of IBD Center

Medical School:

Temple University School of Medicine

Internal Medicine Residency:

University of Michigan Medical Center

Gastroenterology and Hepatology Fellowship:

University of Michigan Medical Center

Yize R. Wang, MD, PhD

Medical School:

Peking Union Medical College

PhD:

The Wharton School,
University of Pennsylvania

Internal Medicine Residency:

Temple University Hospital

Gastroenterology and Hepatology Fellowship:

Mayo Clinic

Transplant Hepatology

Hisham ElGenaidi, MD

Ashraf H. Malek, MD

Women's Gastrointestinal Health

Cynthia A. Greich-McCleery, MD

Medical School:

UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School

Internal Medicine Residency:

Cooper University Hospital

Gastroenterology and Hepatology Fellowship:

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How to Apply



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The Gastroenterology Fellowship Program at Cooper University Health Care participates in the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS). Information regarding the ERAS application process and timeline is available on the websites listed below.

Association of American Medical Colleges

aamc.org/eras

ERAS Fellowship Document Office

aamc.org/students/medstudents/eras/fellowship_applicants

ERAS applications must contain of the following information in order for your application to be considered:

- Common application form
- Curriculum vitae
- Medical school transcript
- Three original letters of recommendation, one of which must be from your current or most recent training director
- Personal statement describing your training goals and future career plans
- ECFMG certification (IMG Only)
- USLME reports (1,2 and 3)

The program director and two additional faculty members will review applicant files. Invitation for interview will be based upon their recommendations.

Program Eligibility

Eligibility for the Gastroenterology Fellowship requires a minimum of three years of ACGME medical training in internal medicine. Individuals accepted for a position in the fellowship program must be U.S. citizen, classified as a resident alien or hold a J-1 visa.

We recruit individuals who have a strong interest in clinical gastroenterology. Our program is focused primarily on clinical medicine and clinical research. At present we do not offer a basic science research track. Over the past decade, we have placed our graduates in a variety of clinical settings, including advanced therapeutic fellowships, academic faculty positions and as practicing gastroenterologists in the community as well.

Applications are accepted via ERAS starting July 15, 2016 and the application deadline for the 2017-18 academic year is August 31, 2016.

All appointments are made through the Medical Specialties Matching Program sponsored by the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) Specialties Matching Service. All candidates must register through the Specialties Matching Service.

Applicants considered for a fellowship position will be invited to visit Cooper University Hospital for a personal interview with the program director, selected faculty and current fellows. Interviews will be conducted on selected dates during September and October 2015. All interviews candidates are reviewed by a selection committee.

The Cooper Campus and Surrounding Area



The expansion project at Cooper is a direct reflection of the growth in services that Cooper has experienced over the past several years.



It is extraordinary to have such a high concentration of leadership at one institution but, then, Cooper is an extraordinary hospital.

Cooper University Hospital is the center of a growing health science campus that includes the main hospital, Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper, the internationally acclaimed Coriell Institute for Research, Three Cooper Plaza medical offices and the Ronald McDonald House.

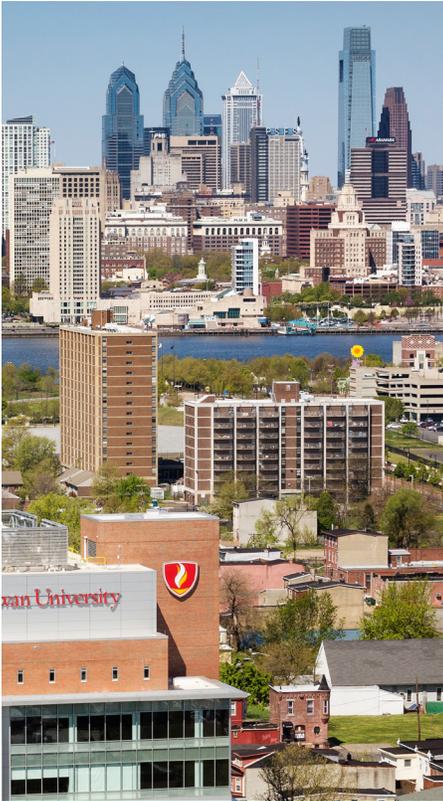
Adjacent to the Cooper Plaza/Lanning Square neighborhood, Cooper has a long history of outreach and service efforts to its local community. Some of these initiatives include health and wellness programs for the neighborhood, development of three neighborhood parks and playground, and outreach to programs into local schools.

The Hospital's 312,000-square-foot, 10-story Roberts Pavilion houses state-of-the-art patient care facilities, including 120 private patient rooms, a 30-bed medical/surgical intensive care unit, 12 technologically advanced operating room suites with hybrid imaging capabilities, an advanced laboratory automation facility and a 14,000-square-foot Emergency Department. The Emergency Department features 25 beds, dedicated isolation suites and autonomous CT scanning technology. Two new floors in the Roberts Pavilion, each with 30 private patient rooms, opened in August 2014. The two floors are designed to serve specific patient populations with Pavilion 8 serving a growing advanced-care surgery patient population and Pavilion 9 serving the Cooper Heart Institute for hospitalized heart patients. The Pavilion features an expansive lobby and concourse, a restaurant and coffee shop, health resource center, business center, gift shop and chapel.

The Pavilion also houses the 25,000-square-foot Dr. Edward D. Viner Intensive Care Unit. A design showcase for patient and family-centered care, the unit features 30 private patient rooms equipped with the latest in advanced technology, and allowing 360-degree patient access. Five patient rooms are capable of negative pressure isolation, and five rooms have chambered isolation alcoves. In addition, an enlarged room with operating room caliber lighting is outfitted to perform bedside exploratory laparotomy in patients too unstable for transport to the operating room.

In 2013 Cooper celebrated the opening of MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper, the \$100 million, four-story, 103,050-square-foot center located on the Cooper Health Sciences Campus in Camden, dedicated to cancer prevention, detection, treatment and research. MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper offers South Jersey's only dedicated inpatient, 30-bed cancer unit adjacent to the new cancer center at Cooper University Hospital. The center includes bright, spacious chemotherapy treatment areas, patient exam rooms, conference centers and advanced diagnostic and treatment technologies. The designers incorporated an aesthetic approach to healing with abundant natural light, a rooftop Tranquility Garden, an illuminated floor-to-ceiling "Tree of Life" centerpiece and more than 100 pieces of original art created by 71 New Jersey artists.

The Cooper Campus and Surrounding Area



Cooper Medical School of Rowan University Medical Education Building is located on the Cooper Health Sciences Campus on South Broadway, between Benson and Washington Streets in Camden. The new \$139 million building, which opened in July 2012, was designed for CMSRU's curriculum with spaces and technologies to support faculty and students in their educational process. In 2012, CMSRU welcomed the class of 2016 with 50 students

The Cooper campus is located in the heart of the Camden's business district. The academic medical center campus is easily accessible by car or public transportation—the commuter high-speed line and bus terminal are located a half-block from the campus. Cooper is a short walk or drive from the exciting Camden waterfront where the New Jersey State Aquarium, the River Sharks stadium, the USS New Jersey and Susquehanna Bank Center are located.

Cooper is conveniently close to Philadelphia. Just a mile-long drive over the Benjamin Franklin Bridge or a ferry boat ride will put you at the doorstep of Philadelphia's cultural, culinary and historic venues.

South Jersey also offers a range of living and entertainment options. Quaint towns such as Haddonfield and Collingswood are just 10 minutes away. The lights and action of Atlantic City and those other popular beach towns such as Cape May and Ocean City are a one-hour drive from Cooper.

Cooper Campus Map



The most up-to-date directions to Cooper University Hospital are available at:
CooperHealth.org/Directions

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